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Reid for Nevada

Reid Announces \$40 Million for Nevada First Responders

- Police, firefighters and other first responders will be better prepared to protect Nevadans from terrorism, thanks to \$40 million in grants announced this week by Senators Harry Reid and John Ensign. The funds will provide first responders with the equipment and training they need.

Reid Offers Proof of Gas Price Gouging

- Continuing his fight to get relief for Nevadans who have been slammed by soaring gasoline prices, Senator Reid this week charged that big oil refiners are making windfall profits and called on the Federal Trade Commission to take action. The FTC can force oil companies to lower their prices through fines and other penalties if it finds that they have manipulated the supply of gasoline.

Reid Hails Funds for Clark County Shooting Range

- Senator Reid announced this week that \$15 million from the sale of federal land in southern Nevada will be allocated for a public shooting range in Clark County. The facility will be used by sportsmen, for recreation and for law enforcement training.



Reid's Words

A victim of crime lives with that experience forever. I support the Victims Rights bill because victims deserve the legal right to be present and participate in our legal system when the accused is brought to justice.



Senator Reid meets with Kim Neiman of the Washoe Tribal Health Center, Gardnerville, in his office at the U.S. Capitol.

Week in Review

- **Discussions on Asbestos Bill Continu** - Negotiations are continuing as Senate leaders seek a compromise solution on the issue of asbestos liability. A bill to replace the current litigation system with a trust fund for victims of asbestos-related illnesses is stalled after a motion for cloture failed to get the necessary votes Thursday.
- **Bill to Strengthen Victims' Rights Passes** - A bill to guarantee that victims of crimes are informed about developments in criminal cases easily passed the Senate Thursday. The measure had originally been offered as a bipartisan constitutional amendment, with Senator Reid among the co-sponsors.
- **Reid Seeks Fair Coverage on Contraceptive Drugs** - A bipartisan "Putting Prevention First" bill to reduce unintended pregnancies was introduced in the Senate this week. One provision of the bill is a measure that Senator Reid has sponsored since 1997, which would require health insurance policies that cover prescription drugs to include coverage of prescription contraceptives. By eliminating the high out-of-pocket costs that many women must pay for prescription contraceptives, unintended pregnancies could be reduced.
- **Reid Addressing BYU Law School Grads** - Senator Reid is delivering the commencement address today at the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University. Reid will remind the graduates that practicing law is a privilege and urge them to use their knowledge to help their neighbors and fellow citizens.

INSIDER'S CALENDAR

- The Senate will convene Monday, April 26 at 1:00 p.m., with a period of morning business until 2:00 p.m.
- At 2:00 p.m., the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 150, the Internet Tax Moratorium bill.
- The Senate will vote on cloture on the motion to proceed at 5:30 p.m.
- During the remainder of the week, the Senate may consider the Budget Resolution Conference Report. Under the budget act, debate on the conference report is limited to 10 hours.

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